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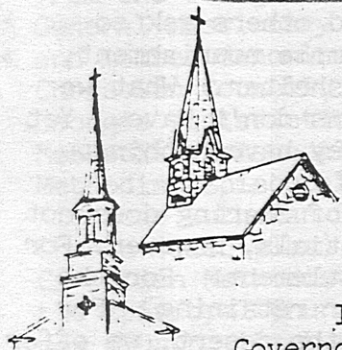
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EMMAUS HOMES, INC.

RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES FOR THE ADULT MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Affiliated with the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries, United Church of Christ.



In a private ceremony at Jefferson City, Missouri, February 11, 1986, Governor John Ashcroft signed a proclamation designating 1986 as "THE ROAD TO OPPORTUNITY FOR EMMAUS HOME, INC." Those present for the ceremony included (from left to right), Deane Ruppert, Director of Treatment, Harold Dielmann, Corporate Foundation Chairman, Governor Ashcroft, Mimi Downey, Director of Resident Services, The Rev. Robert Dohm, Director of Development, and Larry Regot, Administrator.

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CONFERENCE CORNER

Sometimes the person who holds a position similar to mine is the last to know the real picture. But unless I am sadly mistaken, I sense a new spirit of dedication to our common cause in this Conference. The increase in giving in 1985 for both basic OCWM support and giving to special offerings like One Great Hour of Sharing, is very encouraging. The reaction of many persons and churches to our not being able to give as much to National Basic Support as we hoped the last two years caused some real anguish for me and for many others.

From this has come a renewed spirit of dedication to find ways to better serve the larger Kingdom of Jesus Christ. The basic way, of course, is always through people. Persons fully committed to God through Jesus Christ find ways to reach other persons with the Good News, and they become a part of the church. All of those so won to Christ find ways to give of their talents and money in the work of the church.....local and world-wide.

May all of us who comprise the membership of the Southeast Conference dedicate ourselves to making 1986 a year of great service to God in this place where we are called to live out our Christian devotion. Thank you for your partnership in this venture. May God guide us all.

...Emmett O. Floyd...

FROM CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR, KNOXVILLE

"How Churches Grow"

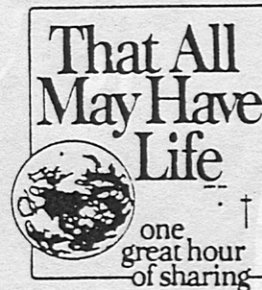
Research shows that when people come to church, they come through the following ways:

- 2% because of a special need
- 3% just walk in
- 6% because of the pastor
- 1% through visitation
- 5% through Sunday School
- 1% from an evangelistic crusade
- 3% because of the church's program
- 79% because they were invited by a friend.

EMMAUS HOUSE, (Cont'd from Page 1)

"It was out of necessity that Emmaus launched a \$5,000,000 campaign to provide new facilities and renovation of existing buildings on the campuses at St. Charles and Marthasville, Missouri," said the Chairman of the Corporate Fundraising effort, Harold L. Dielmann.

The \$5,000,000 capital campaign will provide 4 group homes, two multi-purpose buildings and renovation of existing facilities on the two campuses. Architect Herbert Pundmann is now designing a new group home for the St. Charles campus, the first new facility to be built with capital funds.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - from Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, AL.

This Easter Sunday, March 30th, our congregation will join with other United Church of Christ Congregations, as well as those of many other

denominations, to receive the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

God's love is the greatest gift of our lives. One Great Hour of Sharing gives us the opportunity to repay a little of that gift "...as God has loved us..."

We have so much, and others ask so little. Clean water, simple nourishment, medicine, blankets, and shelter. What we take for granted, millions don't have. Yet without these things, they have nothing.

Our One Great Hour of Sharing does not stop with the bare essentials, however. For refugees, we offer resettlement. For the unemployed poor, we offer retaining. For villages on the edge of the desert, we offer help with wells, irrigation, planting and harvesting. Altogether, our gifts support projects in more than seventy countries worldwide.

REMINDER! 1986 SPRING MINI-CAMP - April 25, 26 & 27 at Laguna Beach, Florida....

FROM THE GEORGIA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL:

The Georgia farm families crisis will be the focus of two clergy conferences on May 1 and 15, 1986, under the sponsorship of the Georgia Christian Council and the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. The conferences will include addresses by leading authorities to provide the participants with an understanding of the farm crisis in Georgia, and the finances of farming.

Workshops will assist clergy: to learn from a pastor and parishoner in the experience, to help farmers cope with stress, to discover helpful skills in farmer crisis counseling, to discuss details of bankruptcy, and to find helpful resources. Participants will be able to select three workshops.

The one-day conference, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., will follow the same basic format in two locations. May 1, the conference will be in Tifton, Ga., and May 15, it will be in Statesboro, Ga. at the cooperative extension Rural Development Centers. Two major addresses will follow registration. A workshop will precede lunch. Two workshops will follow lunch, and the conference will conclude as the leadership forms a panel for questions and answers.

The planning committee included clergy from the Georgia Baptist Convention, General Missionary Baptist Convention, and member denominations of the Georgia Christian Council, which includes the Georgia jurisdictions of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the American Lutheran Church, the Christian Church (Disciples) in Georgia, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church, the Greek Orthodox Church, the Lutheran Church in America, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Roman Catholic Church, the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church. Additional information is available from the Georgia Christian Council, Don Leiter, Exec. Director, P.O.Box 7193, Macon, GA 31209. Tel. 912/474-3906.

.....JUST A REMINDER.....

A letter was sent to all "Fellow Ministers from Wayde Washburn, Chair, Convocation Planning Committee, as a special invitation to the Southeast Conference Clergy/Spouse Convocation, May 5th through May 8th, at the UCC Conference Center in Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

Morning and evening sessions will be led by OCLL staff persons, Joyce Myers and Bill Hulteen. Afternoons will be open for free time - rest, recreation, organized conversation, UCC news, reading, etc..

Cost is \$62.00 per person, with a Conference subsidy of \$12.00, reducing your cost to only \$50.00 each, including rooms, meals (Mon. night thru Thurs. lunch), and printed resources.

Mark your calendar. Watch for more details.....

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OFFICE FOR CHURCH LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

The OCLL Workshop on Resources, dealing with Faith Exploration, Exploring Worship, Ministry of Volunteers, Guidebook for Women's Organizations, Leaders Box, and Church Planning had a CHANGE OF DATE.

Originally planned for March 1, 1986, it was changed to May 17th, and is to be held at LaGrange United Church in LaGrange, Georgia.

It still includes a day of fun, inspiration, and new ideas for your church! All church leaders and members are invited to participate. Workshop leader is our own Rev. Joyce Myers from Atlanta.

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GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION

Friday, May 16th, at 7:00 p.m., has been set by the Moderator, Dr. Erna Bryant, for a meeting of the Georgia-South Carolina Association, to be held in the office of the S. E. Conference in Atlanta.

BASIC SUPPORT, 1980 - 1985

Year	CONFERENCE BASIC SUPPORT			NATIONAL BASIC SUPPORT			TOTAL BASIC SUPPORT		
	Amount	Increase/Dec. Previous Year		Amount	Increase/Dec. Previous Year		Amount	Increase/Dec. Previous Year	
1980	\$ 83,137	\$ 15,632	23.2%	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,428	8.8%	\$ 113,137	\$ 18,060	19.0%
UCC			7.4			4.6			6.0
1981	90,699	7,562	9.1	33,000	3,000	10.0	123,699	10,562	9.3
UCC			6.4			6.4			6.3
1982	107,887	17,188	18.9	24,000	- 9,000	27.3	131,887	8,188	6.6
UCC			7.3			5.2			6.3
1983	119,108	11,221	10.4	20,000	- 4,000	16.7	139,108	7,221	5.5
UCC			5.0			2.4			3.7
1984	122,898	3,790	3.2	15,000	- 5,000	25.0	137,898	- 1,210	0.9
UCC			5.0			3.2			4.2
1985	141,238	18,340	14.9	10,000	- 5,000	33.3	151,238	13,340	9.7
UCC			6.0			4.4			5.3

The above chart was prepared by the Rev. Milton E. Gockley, Jr., Coordinator of Financial Planning and Development with the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ. He shared this with the Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference at the spring meeting in Montgomery, Alabama. It illustrates increased giving from our churches to Basic Support for OCWM and for special offerings over the six years that exceeds the national UCC average. We are striving to improve our share to National Basic Support.

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FROM BROOKMEADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

LENT. We want to share part of a prayer by Henri J.M. Nouwen...which he wrote while on retreat at a Trappist monastery during the Lenten Season.

"O Lord, this holy season of Lent is passing quickly. I entered into it with fear, but also with great expectations. I hoped for a great breakthrough, a powerful conversion, a real change of heart; I wanted Easter to be a day so full of light that not even a trace of darkness would be

left in my soul. But I know that you do not come to your people with thunder and lightning. Even St. Paul and St. Francis journeyed through much darkness before they could see your light. Let me be thankful for your gentle way. I know you are at work. I know you will not leave me alone. I know you are quickening me for Easter - but in a way fitting to my own history and my own temperament." Are you open to God working in and through your life?

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